

members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 110th Congress: Senators Levin (Democratic Co-Chairman), Biden (Democratic Co-Chairman), Lautenberg (Democratic Co-Chairman), Kennedy, Dorgan, Durbin, Nelson (FL), Lieberman, and Byrd (Majority Administrative Co-Chairman).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Diane Auer Jones, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

Jerome F. Kever, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2008.

Michael Schwartz, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2012.

Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2009.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—174) Page S6454

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6493.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded

a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Lenise Lago, Director, Forest Service Budget, both of the Department of Agriculture.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower met in a closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel met in a closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland met in a closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support met in a closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in a closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008.

RAIL SAFETY AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine rail safety authorization, after receiving testimony from Senators Schumer and Clinton; Jo Strang, Associate Administrator for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration, and Kurt W. Hyde, Assistant Inspector General for Surface and Maritime Programs, both of the Department of

Transportation; Robert L. Sumwalt, Vice-Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, Edward Wytkind, AFL-CIO, and Richard F. Timmons, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, all of Washington, D.C.

ENERGY BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine S. 645, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide an alternate sulfur dioxide removal measurement for certain coal gasification project goals, S. 838, to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, S. 1089, to amend the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act to allow the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects to hire employees more efficiently, S. 1203, to enhance the management of electricity programs at the Department of Energy, H.R. 85, to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies, and H.R. 1126, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988, after receiving testimony from Drue Pearce, Federal Coordinator, Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, Department of the Interior; and David R. Hill, General Counsel, Department of Energy.

CALIFORNIA WAIVER

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the case for the California waiver, focusing on California's pending request that the Environmental Protection Agency waive federal preemption for the state's greenhouse gas emission standards for motor vehicles, after receiving testimony from California Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Sacramento; Pete Grannis, New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany; and Jonathan H. Adler, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James R. Keith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Miriam K. Hughes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Cameron R. Hume, of

New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, and Ravic Rolf Huso, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEMA REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reform, focusing on preparation for the 2007 hurricane season, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, and R. David Paulison, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

MINE IMPROVEMENT AND NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine the progress of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act, after receiving testimony from Jeffery L. Kohler, Associate Director for Mining and Construction Safety and Health Research, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Dennis O' Dell, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia; S.L. Bessinger, BHP Billiton, Waterflow, New Mexico; and Bruce Watzman, National Mining Association, Washington, D.C.

RESTORING HABEAS CORPUS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine restoring habeas corpus, focusing on protecting American values and the Great Writ, including the Military Commissions Act (Public Law 109-366), S. 185, to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the Detainee Treatment Act, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Donald J. Guter, (Ret.) USN, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Mariano-Florentino Cuellar, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; and David B. Rivkin, Jr., Baker and Hostetler LLP, Orin S. Kerr, George Washington University Law School, and William Howard Taft, IV, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson LLP, all of Washington, D.C.

MINORITY ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine minority entrepreneurship, focusing on the effectiveness of Small Business Administration programs for the minority

business community, after receiving testimony from Calvin Jenkins Deputy Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; Jon S. Wainwright, National Economic Research Associates, Inc., Austin, Texas; Anthony W. Robinson, Minority Business Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Largo, Maryland; Bill M. Miera, Fiore Industries, Inc., Albu-

querque, New Mexico; and Fernando V. Galaviz, Small Businesses Association in Technology, Alexandria, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veteran's Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Michael K. Kussman, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2419–2446; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 151–154; and H. Res. 426–428, 430 were introduced. **Pages H5620–21**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5621–23**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 957, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–163, Pt. 1);

H.R. 65, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–164); and

H. Res. 429, providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 1100 to revise the boundary of the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in the State of North Carolina (H. Rept. 110–165).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Israel to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5535**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H5536**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Honoring the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of his birth: H. Res. 171, amended, to honor the Marquis de Lafayette on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of his birth;

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Expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives to the citizens of Greensburg, Kansas, over the devastating tornado of May 4, 2007: H. Res. 400, to express the sympathy of the House of

Representatives to the citizens of Greensburg, Kansas, over the devastating tornado of May 4, 2007;

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Recognizing the service of United States Merchant Marine veterans: H. Res. 413, to recognize the service of United States Merchant Marine veterans;

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Authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, Gerald Rudolph Ford: H. Con. Res. 128, to authorize the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, Gerald Rudolph Ford;

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Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007: H.R. 1525, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware;

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Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2007: H.R. 1615, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes;

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Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act of 2007: S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 306 yeas to 114 nays, Roll No. 397—clearing the measure for the President;

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Amending the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal: H.R. 2264, amended, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 345 yeas to 72 nays, Roll No. 398;

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Increasing the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants: S. 1104, amended, to increase the number of Iraqi and